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FOLLOWING IS THE WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT AFTER THE THIRD AND
FINAL MEETING BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER
RABIN SEPTEMBER 13, 1974:

QUOTE: PRESIDENT FORD AND ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER YITZHAK
RABIN MET IN THE OVAL OFFICE FOR ABOUT 30 MINUTES TODAY.
AS YOU KNOW, THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER MET FOR
FORTY MINUTES ON TUESDAY AND AGAIN YESTERDAY FOR AN HOUR
AND FIFTEEN MINUTES.

THE TWO LEADERS MET AGAIN TODAY TO DISCUSS IN DEPTH THE
ISSUES INVOLVED IN SHAPING THE COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS OVER
THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AND TO REVIEW BILATERAL RELATIONS
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. THE PRESIDENT WAS PLEASED TO
BECOME REACQUAINTED WITH PRIME MINISTER RABIN. THE TALKS
WERE DESCRIBED AS FRIENDLY AND USEFUL TO BOTH SIDES.

BOTH LEADERS REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING THE
MOMENTUM OF NEGOTIATIONS ON A GENUINE PEACE SETTLEMENT IN
THE MIDDLE EAST. THEY MADE PROGRESS IN MOVING TOWARD AN
UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THESE NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT PROCEED.

THE PRESIDENT REAFFIRMED THE LONG-STANDING AMERICAN
FRIENDSHIP FOR ISRAEL AND CONTINUING U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE
SECURITY AND WELL-BEING OF ISRAEL. THE PRESIDENT WELCOMED
THE INCREASING COMMERCIAL CONTACTS BETWEEN THE UNITED
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STATES AND ISRAEL, IN KEEPING WITH THE CLOSE TIES BETWEEN
THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER
REVIEWED THE ON-GOING U.S. MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP
AND THE PRESIDENT REAFFIRMED THE CONTINUITY OF THAT
RELATIONSHIP. END QUOTE.

FOLLOWING ARE PERTINENT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS GIVEN BY
ACTING WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY HUSHEN:

Q. DOES THAT MEAN HE IS GOING TO CONTINUE TO SUPPLY ARMS AT THE PRESENT LEVELS THAT HAVE EXISTED IN THE PAST WITHOUT ANY CHANGE?

MR. HUSHEN: WELL, ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT IT IS AN ONGOING RELATIONSHIP. I CAN'T ENLIGHTEN YOU AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS GOING TO BE ANY CHANGES.

Q. CAN YOU TRANSLATE IT IN TERMS OF DOLLARS OR MILITARY HARDWARE?

MR. HUSHEN: I CANNOT.

Q. YOU SPOKE OF THEY MADE PROGRESS IN MOVING TOWARD AN UNDERSTANDING ON HOW THE NEGOTIATIONS MAY PROCEED. I AM ASKING, ARE YOU SPEAKING OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES FROM ARAB COUNTRIES.

MR. HUSHEN: I CAN'T GET INTO THAT SPECIFICALLY, BUT THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER PARTIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST DISPUTE TO RESUME. SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER WILL CONTINUE THESE CONSULTATIONS WHEN HE MEETS WITH THE ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS AT THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY LATER THIS MONTH.

Q. SHOULD WE CONSIDER THIS A JOINT STATEMENT OR IS IT PURELY A STATEMENT FROM OUR OWN GOVERNMENT?

MR. HUSHEN: FROM OUR OWN GOVERNMENT.

Q. WHEN WILL KISSINGER BE GOING TO THE UNITED NATIONS, UNCLASSIFIED

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MONDAY?

MR. HUSHEN: NEXT WEEK.

Q. WILL HE GO WITH THE PRESIDENT?

MR. HUSHEN: I WOULD PRESUME HE WOULD BE GOING UP THERE WITH THE PRESIDENT ON THE 18TH.

Q. CAN YOU DISCUSS THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE PRESIDENT DESCRIBED CONGRESSIONAL CUT-BACKS IN FOREIGN AID TO MR. RABIN?

MR. HUSHEN: NO. THERE WAS SOME GENERAL DISCUSSIONS AT THE BIPARTISAN LEADERSHIP MEETING YESTERDAY MORNING, BUT,

AS TO WHAT WAS DISCUSSED ON THAT POINT WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, I CAN'T ANSWER THAT. IN FACT, I CAN PROBABLY BE OF NOT VERY MUCH HELP REGARDING DETAILS OF THE MEETING.

Q. CAN YOU TELL US WHAT THE PROGRESS WAS? WAS ANY PROGRESS MADE TOWARD A MEETING OF MINDS THAT YOU READ IN THE STATEMENT? WHAT IS THE PROGRESS? WAS THERE ANY PROGRESS IN MOVING TOWARDS AN UNDERSTANDING?

MR. HUSHEN: I CAN'T GO BEYOND THAT STATEMENT. KISSINGER

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